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County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

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Environmental Review Now Underway for Water Quality Improvement Plans

LA County Public Works provided the public today with its first look at the draft program environmental impact report for Enhanced Watershed Management Programs being developed to support the improvement of water quality throughout Los Angeles County.

The draft environmental report, developed by LA County Public Works on behalf of the LA County Flood Control District, studies the regional, cumulative effects of various proposed projects and outlines the goals and policies that may be adopted in the future by watershed managers throughout the LA Basin. Although the report identifies a number of stormwater quality improvement projects, subsequent environmental analysis of each individual project may be needed before each project moves forward.

Copies of the draft environmental report are available for review at more than 40 public venues. Visit www.LACoH2Osheds.com for a list of these locations and to view the report and comment online. A series of six public meetings are scheduled through February.

- January 29, 6 p.m.: Florence-Firestone Community Service Center - 7807 South Compton Ave., Los Angeles 90001
- February 3, 6 p.m.: LA County Fire Camp #2 Classroom - 4810 Oak Grove Dr., La Cañada Flintridge 91011
- February 5, 6 p.m.: San Pedro Service Center - 769 West Third St., San Pedro 90731
- February 10, 6 p.m.: Topanga Library - 122 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga 90290
- February 11, 6 p.m.: Hacienda Heights Community Center - 1234 Valencia Ave., Hacienda Heights 91745
- February 17, 6 p.m.: East Los Angeles Library – (Gloria Molina Community Room) - 4837 East 3rd St., Los Angeles 90022

After the close of the public comment period, the draft report will go before the LA County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Background on LA County Public Works and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District: As the manager of the region's backbone system for flood protection and groundwater recharge, LA County Public Works captures as much as 240,000 acre feet of stormwater a year on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for use in the region's local water supply. LA County Public Works operates a complex

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network of 14 major dams, 487 miles of river channel, 27 spreading grounds and a 2,919 mile storm drain system. The Flood Control District, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year, is committed to expanding opportunities to recharge the region's groundwater basins and increase the sustainability of the local water supply.

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